



WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

Danvers Department of Public Works Fall 2016



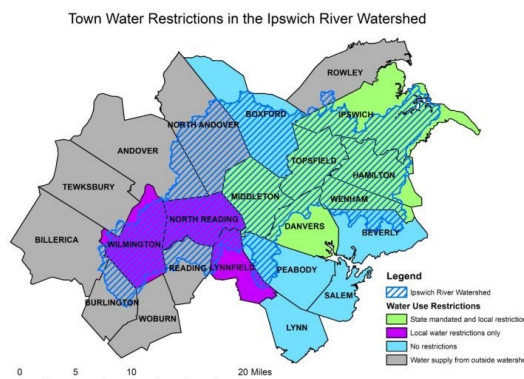
DANVERS IN DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Danvers moved to **Level 5 DROUGHT CONDITIONS** in August. This means that outdoor lawn & garden watering is restricted to hand-held hoses and cans **ONLY**, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 AM. No sprinklers or irrigation systems will be allowed. In addition, the filling of swimming pools and washing of cars are **NOT** permitted. These restrictions result from low flow in the Ipswich River and not enough rain from March through the beginning of August.

These water restrictions were instituted when the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) mandated regulations as part of the Water Management Act in 2014, due to growing concerns of highly stressed river basins. Danvers is one of several communities in the Ipswich River basin, which is a stressed water basin, that prompted these new regulations. DEP regulations include a summer cap, which runs from May 1 through October 1, restricting Town use to 3.8 million gallons per day (mgd) on a yearly average.

Water Use Restriction Levels in Danvers are dependent on 3 factors—the amount of precipitation we receive, the level of Middleton Reservoir, and the flow of the Ipswich River. Deficits in any or a combination of these can trigger changes in our restriction level. Use of our Town wells is tied to the flow of the Ipswich River. As levels decrease in the river, Danvers is required to stop use of our wells. Conserving water now will reduce the need for the Town to completely ban outdoor water use.

The Town is committed to saving water in a variety of ways. "We promote conservation all year long," said DPW Director, David Lane. "Now we are in need of residents to really take charge and drop their water use. If everyone makes an effort to save, then we will be okay." These restrictions will be enforced. "The Police will be assisting us as well as our own DPW crews who are around Town all day," says Lane. First time violators will get a warning letter and subsequent violations will result in a \$300 fine. We all have a responsibility to do our share to conserve water. Please contact the DPW at 978-777-0001 x3012 with questions.



DOG PARK GOES TO THE GOATS!

The Dog Park is expected to open in September. The Park includes separate enclosures for large and small dogs, complete with walking loops, benches, water, and plenty of room to run. On-site parking is accessed off of Dean's Lane which is approximately 1,000 feet south of the main entrance to Endicott Park. One of the final preparations was to rid the park of poison ivy—goats were an eco-friendly solution!



DPW NOTES & EVENTS

- **Transfer Station** is open Monday through Saturday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- **Yard waste** collection will take place Town-wide on your trash/recycling day the weeks of September 11, October 23, November 6 and 20 and December 4.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Day** is Saturday, September 17 from 8:00 AM—Noon at the Transfer Station on East Coast Road.
- **Public Power Week** is October 2-8.
- **Danvers Town Wide Open House** is Thursday, October 13 from 4:00 PM—7:00 PM at municipal buildings throughout the Town. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!**
- **Danvers Recycles Zero Waste Weekend** is Saturday and Sunday, October 22 & 23 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM at the High School parking lot at 60 Cabot Road.
- **Town Hall will be closed** on Columbus Day-October 10, Veteran's Day-November 11, Thanksgiving-November 24, & Christmas (observed)-December 26. Trash & recycling pickup will be delayed one day.

FALL EVENTS

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: Household hazardous waste drop off at the Transfer Station will be on Saturday, September 17 from 8:00 AM—noon. Danvers Residents only; commercial vehicles will be turned away. For a complete list of household hazardous waste accepted, please refer to the Town website under Public Works.



ZERO WASTE WEEKEND: Bring clothing, shoes, linens, paper to shred, CDs, DVDs, audio books, records, electronics, rigid plastics and metal to the High School parking lot at 60 Cabot Road on Saturday & Sunday, October 22 & 23 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Danvers Residents only. Please check our website closer to the event date for more details. **Bottle & Can Drive for Boy Scouts both days.**

SIXTH FEEDER PROJECT

Work is continuing on the sixth feeder project which will provide a new 23kV circuit from Station 42 down to the Endicott Street area. The addition of this circuit will allow us to share loads from two existing circuits which run at capacity in the summer months, and provide flexibility to carry loads during emergency and planned maintenance outages. The underground conduits and duct bank construction have been completed, and Danvers Electric crews are working on the installation of wire and other necessary tasks. Thank you to our electric employees for working so diligently on this project!

NEW HIRES AND RETIREMENTS



With the promotion of Mike Nelson to Director of Operations, **STEPHEN M. KING, Jr., P.E.** has joined the Engineering Division Staff as a Civil Engineer III. Steve has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from UMASS Amherst and is a Registered Professional Engineer. With over 13 years of experience in Construction as a resident Engineer for CDM Smith and the Town of Brookline, Steve's experience has allowed him to make a smooth transition as the Town's Liaison to the Liberty Street Project. He fills a vital role in the Engineering Division, supporting the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and many capital projects.



STEPHEN & JANET HERLIHY retired from the Electric Division in May 2016. Steve started working for the DPW as a laborer in 1972. In 1973 he moved to the Electric Division as an Apprentice Lineman, advancing through the ranks and retiring as a Head Lineman. Janet worked for 5 Years at Hunt Hospital starting in 1984, before joining the Electric Division as a Meter Reader in 1996. Steve and Janet are both Danvers natives, avid boaters and new grandparents. We thank them for their many years of dedication and service and wish them the best on their retirement.

SUMP PUMP INSPECTION PROGRAM REMINDER

Due to revised Sewer Use Regulations, the Town of Danvers Sewer Division began a program in July 2015 requiring an inspection when a home is sold to confirm that there is nothing being discharged into the sewer connection leaving the home, most notably a sump pump.

This is one way the Town is trying to reduce the inflow of clean rain or groundwater into the sewer system which dilutes the sewage flowing through the system of pipes to the South Essex Sewage District in Salem. The dilution of this sewage decreases the efficiency of the treatment process, as well as causes sewage volumes to exceed the design capacity of the system. This excess volume could create sewage backups in pipes, as well as manholes overflowing in streets and easements.

If you plan on selling your home, please call the DPW Business Office at 978-777-2668 x620 to set up an appointment for a **Sump Pump inspection**, whether you have a sump pump or not. A DPW employee will come out and confirm compliance with the Sewer Use Regulations and issue a certificate at that time to be brought to the closing. The certificate is valid for two years and is transferrable during that timeframe. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call Renee Hunter in the Engineering Division at 978-777-2668 x643.

If you have any questions regarding the DPW Programs or Events listed in this newsletter, please contact the DPW at 978-777-0001 x3011

Town of Danvers/DPW

1 Sylvan Street
978-777-0001

Public Works

95 Hobart Street
978-762-0231

Business & Electric Divisions

2 Burroughs Street
978-774-0005

Transfer Station

East Coast Road
978-774-5172